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Effective plans to combat aerial hijacking thwarted at Montreal meeting

By MARK MEDICOFF
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MONTREAL–

Israel's pressing concern that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), levy stiff sanctions against countries assisting air terrorists, has been thwarted. Many countries have opposed a stiff penalty treaty because it would conflict with the sovereignty of states.

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Two major plans have been discussed during the three-week long meeting here of the ICAO legal committee; a joint Canada-U.S. proposal which would apply stiff aviation boycotts to offending nations and a French plan which is less strict and would simply affirm the Hague Convention.

The Hague Convention merely requires that signatory states extradite or prosecute hijackers and such countries as Libya, Cuba and Algeria had declined to sign the convention. Israel has regularly informed the ICAO about acts of terrorism where some Arab governments have provided assistance in the form of diplomatic passports.

Last November, for example, Israel's permanent representative to the aviation ization, Consul-General David Ephrati, sent a strongly worded statement to the ICAO president outlining Algerian participation in munitions movement by air.

Political priorities have been the main feature of the present series of meetings and the ICAO recently ruled out the possibility of direct action against third parties–those who are not direct partners in world pacts against violence in civil air transportation. ICAO barred any provisions for investigation complaints against parties or for organizing concerted action against third parties involved in air terrorism.

The adoption of the French proposal which is almost assured would be a severe disappointment for Israel and any other country desiring an end to piracy in the air. These countries were hoping that the legal committee would propose a boycott treaty to the full diplomatic meeting scheduled for late August in Montreal.

The year-old Canada-U.S. proposal would have called on signatory nations to suspend air traffic to any country failing to abide by the principles of the treaty. The French plan, however, has received wide support from such nations as Kenya, Senegal, Congo and Tanzania because it would not interfere with the sovereignty of states.

French opposition to the Canada-U.S. plan–which caused the country to develop its own proposal–is partly rooted in the fact that France maintains close economic ties with former colonies and nations in the Middle East. Pro-stiff penalty treatment nations are closely watching the response of the International Federation of Airline Pilots' Association (IFALPA), which has voiced strong protest against the world governments, for not instituting anti-hijacking policies.

The pilots, who have a personal interest in protecting the lives of their crews and passengers, could effectively cripple world air transportation should they decide that matters be taken into their own hands. The Pilots' Association is considering a strike or international boycott as a result of the breakdown of legal talks in Montreal.

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Israel visit is bypassed by Milton youngsters

By GARY LAFORET
CJN Staff Reporter
TORONTO–

Lack of time and money will prevent 27 Milton-area students from visiting Israel when they tour three Arab nations next March, the trip's organizer said this week.

"I would love to go to Israel, too," said Brenda Doidge, a geography teacher at Milton District High School. "But it really boils down to a shortage of time and money."

She said the students, who are 16 to 17 years old, will pay $404 out of their own pockets for a week-long tour of Egypt, Lebanon and Syria during the spring school break.

Norbert Pauwels of Pauwels Travel of Brantford which is arranging the tour, said the students "would have preferred to see both Israel and the Arab countries but it's also a matter of time. Even now, we're crowding too much into one trip."

He added that the extra cost of a stop in Israel would have been prohibitive, even if the students had time.

Pauwels said that both Miss Doidge and the students

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IT'S A CASE OF FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

Alice, a 143-pound thoroughbred St. Bernard, nurses her litter of 16 healthy puppies in Hadera. Owner Gil Laurie, a police officer who immigrated to Israel 18 months ago from the U.S., said that to his knowledge, 16 pups in one litter–and all doing well–is unprecedented. Father of the litter is a U.S. champion. (IPPA PHOTO)

Soviets who want to return dupes of propaganda drive

VIENNA (JCNS)–

The press reports from Vienna about 93 Soviet Jews who emigrated to Israel, then left and now want to return to the Soviet Union are part of an anti-Israel propaganda campaign that has been going on for the best part of two years, writes Imanuel Unger.

Last spring, for instance, a small group of Soviet returnees from Israel held a press conference at which a child recited a statement learnt by heart, describing the alleged wrongs done to him.

All the returnees at that press conference said that they wanted to go back to Russia and five were given permission to do so. Six months later however, their spokesman, Jacob Liebknecht, from Riga, was back in Vienna. Offered help by the Israeli Embassy. Liebknecht apparently accepted it and left Vienna again–but not for Israel. Nothing has been seen of him since.

Another returnee who was prominent at last spring's press conference was Basia Kubanov. She went back to Russia and has since been jailed in Odessa. Novosti, the Soviet information agency, has also been active here. Some two months ago it began issuing reports designed to show how great was the regret of Soviet Jews who had emigrated to Israel and how strong their desire to return to the Soviet Union. The fact is that not only have most of them been refused permission to return, but they much prefer to remain here.

However, about two months ago a group of 12 returnees did leave Vienna for the Soviet Union. Their leader, a Cernovtsy (Czernowitz) lawyer called Isaac Selzer, and a few companions went only as far as Tchop, on the Czech-Soviet border.

He spends his time telling horror stoies about life in Israel to emigrants arriving there en route to Vienna and eventually Israel, but so far with little effect.

The local Communist paper **Volksstimme** organized a press conference featuring returnees some weeks ago, but it backfired when every other newspaper refused to publish any reports of it on the ground that it had clearly been an anti-Israel propaganda exercise.

Today there are about 80 Soviet Jews in Vienna who have left Israel and say they want to go back to Russia. They are living in very poor conditions and exist by doing casual work.

Few have any profession and many are illiterate, including 25 Georgians who cannot speak Russian. When asked why they had left Israel, many of the 80 in the group, which includes children, said that they had been unable to adapt themselves to the "capitalist conditions" there.

Recent emigrants from the Soviet Union passing through Vienna report that the propaganda campaign is having the opposite effect to that intended. Instead of setting Soviet Jews against Israel, it is making them hostile to the returnees.

In Vienna itself, there have already been reports of emigrants coming to blows with returnees.

Investigate school fire for arson

TORONTO–

The Ontario Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the possibility of arson in a fire early Monday morning at Bialik Hebrew Day School on Viewmount Avenue.

"We feel it was a set fire," a spokesman for the fire marshal's office told **The Canadian Jewish News**. "We certainly feel the fire was suspicious in origin."

The investigation was continuing when **The CJN** went to press (Tuesday evening).

Joseph Klinger, principal of the school, told **The CJN** the fire, which was spotted by a patrolling policeman at 3 a.m., completely destroyed the synagogue kitchen, an adjacent room and damaged part of the auditorium. There was also smoke damage throughout the school.

Classes were cancelled Monday and Tuesday, but were expected to resume later in the week.

Klinger said North York firemen told him the fire started in the kitchen.

A Labor Zionist function was held in the building Sunday night.

Quebec promises to protect Jewish interests in labelling of products

By MARK MEDICOFF
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MONTREAL–

Quebec Agriculture and Colonization Minister Normand Toupin assured a Canadian Jewish Congress delegation from the Religious Affairs Committee, that the government will find "ways and means" to protect Jewish interests regarding imported kosher products which do not bear bilingual labels.

In 1967, the provincial government decreed that all labelling on products sold in Quebec would have to bear both English and French translations. The government complained that too many products sold bore only English information.

Last November, a short brief from the Congress committee was sent to Toupin saying they have no desire to contradict the bilingual labelling principles, but they asked that the policy be flexible for 'indispensable' imported kosher products.

The recurring labelling issue has come under attack from the major retail food outlets who contest the policy as unconstitutional. Cases against these firms which have come before the Quebec courts, have usually resulted in fines, and immediate relabelling demands.

The brief stated that the community "is concerned about kosher food which is especially prepared for practising Jews, conforming to Jewish dietary regulations.

"A certain number of these products are imported from the United States or Israel where it is manufactured. In most cases, there isn't a place in Canada where it is possible to produce these items, and importation is the only method for Jewish families to obtain this food."

Religious Affairs Committee President Rabbi Bernard Bloomstone told **The Canadian Jewish News** that Toupin said the Jewish community will be looked after, and that they should have no fears on this score.

"He told us that the government of Quebec will find ways and means to protect the religious rights of all people in the province."

Rabbi Bloomstone said the delegation told the minister that the Jewish community in Quebec is too small to support a food industry which prepares items for special holidays.

Rabbi of 2 synagogues Shlome Langner dies

TORONTO–

Rabbi Shlome Langner, rabbi of two downtown Toronto synagogues-Anshei Kiev and Narayav-died earlier this week.

He was one of the two surviving sons of the late Rabbi Moshe Langner of the Chassidic dynasty of the Strettner rebbe.

Aged 75, he came to Canada about 50 years ago from Galicia. The rabbi leaves a wife and three children.

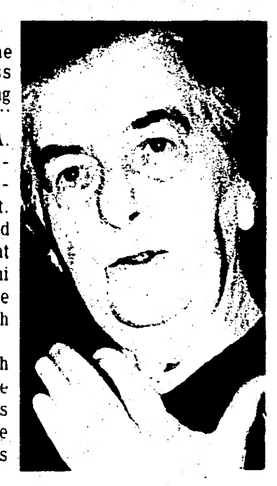
Meir stands firm on issues raised by Pope at Vatican

NEW YORK (JTA)–

The meeting last week between Pope Paul VI and Prime Minister Golda Meir of Israel amounted to "nothing less than de facto recognition of Israel, despite a grudging and harsh statement issued by a Vatican spokesman." Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum said in a statement to the JTA.

The rabbi is co-secretary of the joint Vatican-International Jewish Committee and director of the American Jewish Committee's interreligious affairs department.

After the 80-minute audience, the first ever to be granted to an Israeli prime minister in the Vatican, a statement from Vatican spokesman Prof. Frederico Allessandrini said "the Holy See has not changed its attitude over the Middle East and there was no reason whatsoever for such a change."



The language was considered to be unusually harsh and blunt by most diplomatic observers in Rome. The statement stressed that the meeting with Mrs. Meir was not "a gesture of preference or exclusivity as the Pope has received King Hussein of Jordan and other persons of the Arab world."

It is believed the undiplomatic language stemmed from the fact that Mrs. Meir warmly opposed the Pope's statement that the holy places should be internationalized and the rights of the Palestinian refugees be recognized. Mrs. Meir is reported to have rejected the Pope's urgings with some pointed comments of her own.

Rabbi Tanenbaum identified Prof. Allessandrini as the editor of L'Osservatore Romano, the semi-official Vatican newspaper, which he described as "not necessarily the official spokesman of Vatican policy, but frequently used as a propaganda instrument to appease vehement pressure groups." He dismissed the Vatican statement as "obvious concessions to intensive pressures by the Arab governments and their supporters against the Vatican which seeks to minimize the historic significance of the meeting between Pope Paul VI and Israel's Prime Minister."

The grudging and harsh statement given out by Prof. Allessandrini "in no way alters the fact that the meeting amounted to nothing less than de factor recognition of Israel by the Vatican," Rabbi Tanenbaum asserted.

Prof. Allessandrini went out of his way to stress that Mrs. Meir had asked for the audience, contradicting Is-

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Mideast peacemaker?

Givens doubtful of Nixon's role

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
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TORONTO–

Canadian Zionist Federation President Phil Givens views peace in Vietnam "with some apprehension" because U.S. President Nixon could then become a Mideast peacemaker and "push people around."

"I hope Haiphong won't become Haifa harbor... and B-52's won't be flying over Israel," he told about 75 persons attending the installation of CZF Central Region officers last week at the Zionist Centre. Veteran B'nai B'rith leader Max Shecter was chosen region president.

After his speech, Givens explained his apprehensions to **The Canadian Jewish News**. "A man (Nixon) capable of that kind of manifestation of will towards the Vietnamese can be capable of imposition of will towards Israel," he said.

"Suppose he says 'peace' on a 'take it or leave it' basis. Where does Israel stand because he wants to go down in history as a peacemaker?"

Now that the fixation of Vietnam is over, the stage is clear for U.S. emphasis on the Mideast, Givens continued. They are in the situation where they can force joint negotiations.

The former Toronto mayor also said the energy crisis is a point of worry. The Persian Gulf is the centre of oil reserves and the U.S. and Europe are becoming more dependent on it, he said. The U.S. will have to import 50 per cent of their needs from the area and will want to protect their sources of supply, he continued.

In his speech, Givens told the invited audience he "wants to see an army of committed people when we go to see people like the prime minister."

"You're not a Zionist if you give $15 to the UJA. That's a lot of baloney. We want to see card-carrying Zionists... Let's start enlisting people."

He continued: "They watch us, they know what's happening and they only respond when they realize we are committed."

He admitted that problems within the CZF are "not straightened out yet and won't be for some time."

Givens presented Samuel Shainhouse, retiring regional president, with a Chagall clock.

Other regional officers are: Lewis J.E. Moses, Revisionists, chairman of the executive board; Mrs. Harold Fink, Hadassah; Aiv Rodack, Betar; Saul Sigler, Mizrachi, and Mrs. Sydney Wax, Pioneer Women, vice-presidents; Mrs. Cecily Peters, Hadassah, secretary; Mrs. Ruth Leroy, Pioneer Women, associate secretary; Louis Shainhouse, Revisionists; treasurer and Hy Kirshenbaum, Histradrut, associate treasurer.

There will be an additional vice-president from the Zionist Organization of Canada.

Veteran B'nai B'rith leader Max Shecter (left) chats with Philip Givens, Canadian Zionist Federation president, after he was installed as CZF Central Region president. (Gadi Hoz Photo)

WORLD NEWS

Despite recent developments, Israel to expand her relations with Africa

JERUSALEM (JTA)—The Israel Government has decided to expand its technical aid programs in several of the larger African states, despite recent developments which saw five African countries sever diplomatic relations with Israel. It was the most serious setback yet suffered by Israel on that continent.

Prime Minister Golda Meir, who has done more travelling in recent months than at any time during the past few years, is back in Jerusalem after a Geneva meeting with President Felix Houphouet-Boigny of the Ivory Coast. It was part of Israel's efforts to patch up relations with African countries and bring a halt to the rash of diplomatic breaks with Israel. To date, 27 African countries have formal relations with Israel. A year ago, it was 32.

The Ivory Coast is a strong supporter of Israel and the Geneva meeting strengthened still more the bond between the two countries. There is no doubt President Houphouet-Boigny has been under heavy pressure from Libya to break with Israel, but there appears little likelihood of the Ivory Coast becoming No. 6 in the list of African nations that have succumbed to bribes or threats from Libyan strongman Muammar Qaddafi.

Abba Eban

It is no secret that Libya mounted the offensive that caused the five African states, including Uganda, to break with Israel. All were the recipients of much-needed aid from Israel, but oil-rich Libya was able to dazzle the governments of Uganda, Niger, Chad, Mali and Congo-Brazaville with large sums of money.

The defection of the five African states, while a serious setback to Israel's long-range plans to make friends and influence people on the African continent, is not a crippling blow. Probably the break with Uganda was the heaviest one. In the long run, the five will be the losers by falling in with Libya's plans.

Israel's foreign minister Abba Eban has charged Qaddafi with the responsibility for the defection of the Black states, and accused him of putting pressure on other African countries to follow suit. The charge has not been denied. In fact, the Libyan leader has boasted that he will drive Israel out of the African continent, a boast in keeping with his flamboyant character.

Israel has never poured untold millions of dollars into the African nations. She has never had unlimited funds for economic aid to underdeveloped countries, but what she has always had is know how, the technical skills that money frequently can't buy. Israel calls herself an underdeveloped country that is in the process of developing, and many of her problems are the problems of the African nations. In the past 15 years, 10,000 Africans have come to Israel to study and receive on-the-job training in a wide range of activities, particularly agriculture and animal husbandry.

According to semi-official sources here, Israel has decided to concentrate on strengthening its ties with those African states that have proven their friendship. The expanded program will not be at the expense of other African states now enjoying Israeli aid. While no countries have been mentioned, it is believed new projects will be launched in the fields of agriculture, education and technology in countries which include Zaire, Kenya, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast and Nigeria.

Israeli officials expressed satisfaction with the expressions of appreciation for Israeli aid recently voiced by a senior Ghanian official. The occasion was the ceremonial opening of a farm-management course by Israeli experts in Ghana. Lt. Col. E.P. Baidoo, governor of the area where the course will be given, asked Israeli Ambassador Avraham Cohen to convey to Israel's government and people Ghana's thanks for Israel's help. "We hope this assistance will continue," Col. Baidoo said.

Remember anniversary of murder of Yiddish director Mikhoels

NEW YORK (JTA)—The 25th anniversary of Stalin's murder of Solomon Mikhoels, the world-famous Yiddish actor and director of Moscow's State Jewish Theatre, was commemorated last week in special Yiddish and Russian programs beamed to the Soviet Union over Radio Liberty to serve the cultural needs and interests in particular of the Soviet Jewish audience.

The details of Mikhoel's death have never been revealed by the Soviet regime. However, many reliable sources including Stalin's daughter, Svetlana Alliluyeva, have reported that it was an intentional murder disguised as an "automobile accident." This event signalled the beginning of the period that has come to be called the "Black Years" (1948-1953), during which Yiddish culture in the USSR was destroyed.

According to Dr. Gene Sosin, Radio Liberty's director of broadcast planning, the station's programs featured the voice of Mikhoels acting the dream scene from his theatre's stage version of **Tevye the Milkman**. The recording was provided by Prof. Herbert Paper of the University of Michigan.

Other broadcasts included a reading of Peretz Markish's elegy, "To Solomon Mikhoels-an Eternal Light at His Casket." The poem was read by the distinguished performers Ida Kaminska and Marian Melman. Mme. Kaminska also provided personal reminiscences of Mikhoels, whom she knew in Moscow.

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Israel is bypassed by visiting students

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were also aware that there would be a problem of visas if they were to visit both Israel and the Arab nations. Travellers, who have had their passports stamped on entry into Israel, are not admitted to the Arab countries.

Pauwels said he explained that this problem could be sidestepped by having Israeli customs officers stamp a separate, removable piece of paper in their passports. However, he said Miss Doidge "felt it was a sneaky way to get around a regulation."

Miss Doidge said she "stumbled" onto the idea of the trip to the Middle East just after her students finished studying Israel and the Arab nations.

During their trip, the students will be honored as the first Canadian students to visit the American University in Beirut and Miss Doidge said she is aware that they will probably be the target of a propaganda wave.

"We'll meet with students and professors to talk over-propaganda again-the political situation."

She said she was confident, though, that the students would not be "brainwashed" by the Arabs. "It's too bad they can't see both sides of the fence, but I think the kids have formed their own opinions already."

Ironically, the students, who Miss Doidge said are all Christians, will be visiting the Arab nations at Easter when thousands of other Christians will be visiting their shrines in Jerusalem.

Meir meets Pope

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raeli government statements which had said the invitation had come from the Holy See.

A Jewish Chronicle News dispatch from Jerusalem quotes Mrs. Meir as saying that the historic meeting at the Vatican was on the latter's initiative. She said she would unhesitatingly recommend that her successor as prime minister go to such a meeting with the Pope under similar circumstances.

"There were problems," she said. "I'm not sure I changed his mind on some subjects, but the important thing is that he heard our point of view and I heard his point of view."

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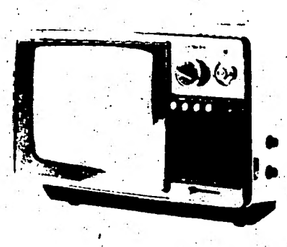

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NATIONAL NEWS

Toronto Mayor David Crombie prepares to dig in at a breakfast meeting of Canyon Lodge B'nai B'rith. (CJN Photo by Brian Willer)

Yonge is worse than Spadina, says Crombie

TORONTO-

Yonge Street with its strip shows and sex theatres has become more notorious than Spadina Avenue with its burlesque house and bars, Toronto Mayor David Crombie told a breakfast meeting this week.

"I'll tell you one thing about Yonge, it's replaced Spadina," said the mayor who first urged a cleanup of the street shortly after being elected last month.

Speaking at the fifth annual Speaker of the Year Breakfast of Canyon Lodge B'nai B'rith, Crombie, who has been accused of trying to police the morals of Torontonians, since firing his initial salvo, emphasized that "as mayor, what I have to say deals with the street.

"My concern is with the street itself, not what goes on inside the buildings. There are things that offend you that you can't control because you're on a public street."

Crombie told his audience of about 240 at the Noshery in Yorkdale Shopping Centre that municipal bylaws could probably force sex show operators to remove loudspeakers and closed circuit TV screens from the sidewalk area.

Fielding questions from the audience, the mayor said he favored Bathurst Street over Spadina Avenue for the route of a proposed subway line to replace the halted Spadina Expressway.

"I was the chief advocate of the Bathurst line rather than Spadina," he said. "I'll be supporting the Bathurst line again. I think we'll have one more debate on it and then-win, lose or draw-we'll have something for the northwest quadrant of this city."

New Mt. Sinai may open in September

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO-

Plagued by a series of strikes-the latest being an elevator tieup now in its fifth month - the newly constructed Mount Sinai Hospital may receive its first patients next September, one year later than the original projected date.

There is going to be a dedication ceremony next June, and hopefully, the $43 million hospital will be ready for the public three months later. Executive Director Sidney Liswood says hopefully, because past experience doesn't make him optimistic about a definite date.

"If this elevator strike ended tomorrow," he said in an interview, "September would be a very fair date. We are hoping to open the hospital sometime in that month, if things get back to normal."

Despite being a year behind schedule, Liswood insists the hospital is still within the $43 million budget, and he gives full marks for this accomplishment to Monty Simmonds, president of the hospital and chairman of the building committee.

Sidney Liswood

There is no completion clause in the contract specifying a penalty for exceeding a set time, the executive director said.

The hospital will not have the word "new" in its name. It will be called simply Mount Sinai Hospital. Liswood said three recommendations have been made for the present hospital once the new building is completed. These are a rehabilitation centre, a convalescent centre or a hostel where, for example, mothers could stay to be near their children in The Hospital for Sick Children across University Ave. A tunnel under the street has been built to connect the new hospital with both The Hospital for Sick Children and Toronto General Hospital.

Mount Sinai's role as a teaching hospital has long been praised as outstanding and this year they have gold and silver medallists serving as internes. It was the first hospital to employ professional social workers and there are plans afoot to affiliate with the School of Dentistry. Liswood sees an expansion of the institution's role as a teaching hospital.

Says Liswood, "the new hospital, as well as whatever the old one will become, is one of those happy circumstances where everyone talks about what should be done, and now it is actually being done."

Oppose recognition of East Germany

From our Quebec Bureau-

MONTREAL-

The Canada-Wide Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression oppose any Israeli government recognition of East Germany because they believe the Socialist Republic will not assume responsibility for war reparations.

"We are looking at the humanitarian side of the question not at the legal point of view. We are concerned about the silence of the East German government since the end of the war until now," said Issie Veisfeld, president of the 2500-member organization.

Veisfeld said the public forgets that during the war the two Germanys were united and they were slaughtering Jews together. He told The CJN that the war reparation debt is not paid to survivors for the Jewish dead "but for what was robbed and stolen from us."

He pointed out that West Germany committed itself to paying war reparations yet now they are reneging on their debt because too much money is leaving the country. Now many settlements are being refused for no reason. And this has even more bearing on Israel because much of the population receive reparations. "Is East Germany going to copy the same thing West Germany did?" he asked.

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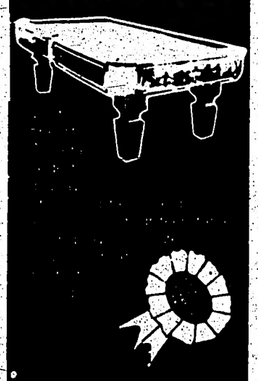

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Is our main street to become like sleazy 42nd in New York?

Not so many years ago, New York's 42nd Street was a world-famous thoroughfare. It ranked with Paris' Champs Elysee, Rome's Via Veneto or London's Regent Street as an avenue of grand scale, great shops and fascinating people. Broadway and 42nd was once a magical meeting place, alive with theatre openings, restaurants and well-dressed relaxed men and women.

All of that has faded away. 42nd Street is now a grubby place lined with movie theatres showing pornographic films and bookships purveying crotch art. Great stores like Stern's have moved to the suburbs only to be replaced by sleazy shops selling tourist-bait cameras and binoculars. Massage parlors, only a step away from being houses of prostitution, prey on the lonely, neurotic, self-hating debris of the city. Loudspeakers blast invitations to bars featuring nude 'go-go' dancers. Pick-pockets, hookers, con-men and shakedown artists stalk the street in search of victims.

Colorful? Hardly! 42nd Street is not a warm compassionate, humane place. It is sad, tawdry and dangerous. The men who exhibit the pornographic films, the sado-masochistic magazines and the live bodies of financially distressed women are not seeking to expand freedom and knowledge. They are not helping people to mature in their sex relationships. Instead, they are callously and cunningly exploiting human misery, catering to it and sustaining it.

The same process that gradually overcame 42nd Street, in New York threatens Toronto's Yonge Street. If there is no curb on the strip shows, the book stores with their back room goodies, the massage parlors and the sexploitation films, the ordinary citizens who now crowd the sidewalks will begin to avoid coming downtown as the "strip" panders more and more to the ambulatory schizophrenics. Yonge Street, instead of being a fun place, will turn into a jungle.

It is ironic that people like Pierre Berton and Barry Callaghan have so mercilessly leaped upon Mayor David Crombie's suggestion that some control should be imposed. It is even sadder that Crombie, faced with this attack by his friends, should have quailed.

These are men who have called for the preservation of our neighborhoods, our environment and our natural resources. In demanding control of environmental pollution they have never accepted the notion that the freedom of manufacturers to exploit the land should remain unrestricted. Why then should freedom remain untrammelled when commercial interests pollute our social atmosphere?

In the name of sanity and freedom, are perversity and compulsion to be given free reign?

Pioneer Women launch campaign to aid the poor and illiterate

It will come as a shock to most of us to learn that 25 per cent of all women in Israel-roughly 250,000-are semi-literate, disadvantaged people who never completed the fourth grade of elementary school. Coming mostly from the Moslem world with its emphasis on male supremacy in the scheme of things, these women constitute a major problem that is at last being tackled in a constructive manner.

The Moetzet Hapoalot Pioneer Women recently launched the first nationwide group work program to better equip these women for their roles as wives and mothers in a modern Israeli society. It is a program designed to reach into the city slums and development towns and bring help to women who are the mothers of a substantial percentage of Israel's next generation.

The program already has been met with encouraging success in the initial stages. A young Israeli psychologist, Shoshana Sharni, heads the advancement program which has been carefully planned to meet the needs of under-educated, underprivileged women. It is hoped to check the cycle which often traps the children of mothers caught up in an environment of despair from which they cannot escape unaided. Some of the problems with which the mothers are unable to cope are children's behavior, school work, budget planning, family health and matters relating to municipal institutions.

There are group project sessions which bring together 20 to 30 women from a deprived neighborhood who receive practical guidance in child rearing from trained experts. A major emphasis is placed on enhancing the self-image of the women in regard to their families and the community.

It is no easy task to which the Pioneer Women have set their hand, but no undertaking is more important, in our view, than salvaging human lives and rescuing the next generation from a social and economic straight jacket.

The advancement plan has received the wholehearted support of municipal and government officials who realize the enormous benefits to be derived from successful implementation of the program. It is obvious, of course, that considerable money will be required to fund the program which will be enlarged as finances permit.

How important this program is can be seen from the fact that most of these semi-literate, underprivileged women are the mothers of large families where 10 or 12 children are not unusual. One applicant is a 37-year-old woman with 16 children.

The Moetzet Hapoalot Pioneer Women has sister organizations in many parts of Canada. In Toronto, the Pioneer Women has a membership of about 1,000. The Toronto organization is in the process of collecting funds for the building of a community centre in an impoverished section of Jerusalem. Another project to aid needy Jewish families is the Toronto Community Centre approaching completion in Holon. Funds for this undertaking were provided by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sharp, of Toronto.

There are some 5,000 Pioneer Women in 10 Canadian cities, with Montreal having the largest group. The Pioneer Women of Canada will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their founding in 1975 and they are going to mark this half century of worthwhile effort against poverty by building a community centre at Ramat Gan, to be known as Beit Canada.

An experiment proves a success

Five years ago this month, the Institute for Hebrew and Jewish Studies opened its doors in the new development town of Arad, a fitting locale for a fresh concept in education. The desert town of Arad was a planner's dream brought to fruition; the Institute for Hebrew and Jewish Studies was the dream of the World Union of Jewish Students and it, too, has become a dynamic reality.

More than 1,500 students from some 40 countries, including Canada, have graduated since that January day five years ago when the institute began what is no longer an experiment but an educational process of proven value.

In a nation where trained men and women are urgently needed to play a major role in the social, cultural and economic life, the Institute for Hebrew and Jewish Studies is serving a vital need by offering to its graduate students an incredibly wide program of courses. There are courses on modern Israel, Jewish history, Judaism, the Arab world, literature, contemporary issues and a host of others, including a program designed to enable students to get first-hand experience of Israel. A Hebrew language course is geared to beginners and those who have some knowledge of the tongue.

Those who come to the town of Arad to study at the institute are mostly young college graduates under the age of 30, who want to learn something about Israel, to settle there, to add to their professional qualifications, or simply to undergo a new experience. Whatever the reason, they find satisfaction in the intensive program which provides both stimulation and challenge.

The second half of the year's program is spent away from Arad. It is then the student puts into practice what he has learned in the institute's lecture rooms. Many stay on in Israel; others return to their homes abroad, the better for an unforgettable experience.

The fifth anniversary finds both the institute and its home town of Arad thriving. One complements the other, and as the planned town expands, so will the institute. This seat of learning has demonstrated in its short history that what it has to offer enriches the individual and the fabric of nationhood itself.

These members of the Israeli armed forces get ready for their first practice jump in a new jumping course for girl paratroopers. (IPPA PHOTO)

Those attractive girls are not paratroopers!

By SAUL MANN

JERUSALEM (JCNS)-

It's time to smash an illusion. Those short-skirted, brown-eyed beauties wearing the uniform of the Israel defence forces are no battling Amazons. The only time they take a gun in their hands is when they are on the firing range-and, if they are frightened of the bangs, they don't even have to do that.

Similarly those "toughies" who are now and again photographed floating purposefully to earth at the end of a parachute. They never have, and never will, jump into a battle zone.

Despite the paratroop wings they proudly display on their uniform jackets, they are nothing more menacing than parachute packers, a vital and responsible enough job in itself, but far from the apparently widespread notion that they are part of Israel's fighting force.

Parachute jumping is one of the rewards which the Parachute Corps is able to offer the best and keenest of the girls in the packing hall and there is intensive competition for the few places made available to them on training courses.

The army explains their inclusion (and the time spent on training them), as a psychological investment which instills the girls with an understanding of the life-or-death element of parachute packing.

But there is another reason for sprinkling a few girls among the men training for the real business of being a paratrooper: if the girls can do it, if they can launch themselves into space, first, from the safety of a harness linked to a landline, then, three weeks later, from the belly of an aircraft several thousand feet in the sky, it would be a poor male who could not follow suit. That is why the girls I visited recently on a training course "somewhere in Israel" were not all bunched together in one group but were distributed one each among squads of men.

Why on earth do they want to jump, to go through the tough training course where the only concession is the loan of a more flattering instructor's helmet and relief from carrying a battle-pack? Red-haired, brown-eyed Aronit Diamant, from Kibbutz Ramot Menasheh, into her second week of training, "just enjoys jumping-except when I am thinking of throwing myself from an aircraft. But I try not to think too much about that."

ask the rabbi

Why a Cohen can't marry a divorcee

1. Why will the Orthodox not allow a Cohen to marry a divorced woman or a proselyte? Does the rabbi not think giving an ancient caste special status is obsolete in this day and age?

RESPONSE

That a Cohen may not marry a divorced woman is stated explicitly in the Torah (Leviticus 21:7). According to the rabbis, the prohibition is extended to include proselytes. It is interesting that, nonetheless, such a marriage, if undertaken, is valid and cannot be dissolved without a Get. A further point worthy of note is that nowadays Cohanim are only held to be such by presumption and there is much uncertainty whether a man claiming to be a Cohen really is one. That is why the majority of Conservative rabbis in the United States will officiate at the wedding of a Cohen and a divorcee and why some Orthodox scholars have tentatively explored the possibility of having provisions made in the State of Israel for such marriages to take place, an especially acute problem over there where there are no civil marriages.

The children of such a marriage are in any event no mamzerim. There is a real moral problem in preventing on the above grounds the marriage of two people in love with one another, especially so in the case of a proselyte, but this is quite distinct from the notion, which does not bother me at all (in reply to your second question), of "giving ancient caste special status".

The minor privileges granted to a Cohen (being called first to the Torah and reciting the priestly blessing) can hardly be considered to be the perpetuation of a caste system, and there is some significance of people being proud to claim descent from priests in the Temple serving the one God over two thousand years ago. Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, of the United States, has recently put forward the further argument that by the prohibition, Judaism succeeds in registering its sole protest against divorce which it normally allows when a marriage has broken down.

2. If a married woman converts to Judaism do her children born after the date of conversion automatically become Jews? What about the children born before conversion?

RESPONSE

Any children born after the woman's conversion to Judaism are automatically Jewish even if they had been conceived before the conversion. But any children born before her conversion are not affected by their mother's change of status and require to be converted themselves before they can be considered to be Jewish.

Immigrants affected

Tax-free privileges curtailed

By ROYSTON ALLEN
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM-

New immigrants arriving in this country will have far fewer privileges in buying tax-free goods thanks to a new clampdown by the Israeli finance ministry. In a surprise announcement divulged at a press conference, the ministry put into effect a new set of tax regulations severely curtailing immigrants' rights.

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David Peled, director of the Israeli customs, said the measures taken were made necessary by past illegal exploitation of newcomers' tax rights.

All household appliances purchased by the new immigrant will have to come from his country of origin. Until now, immigrants have been able to buy whatever household appliances they needed-refrigerator, washing machine, mixer etc.-over a three year period from the date they arrived in Israel. Payment, however, had to be made in foreign currency.

Most immigrants took advantage of their rights slowly in order not to deplete their dollar reserves too quickly. Also, because most new immigrants are busy finding a place to live and learning Hebrew during their first year here, very few want the headache of where to put the washing machine in a tiny rented apartment or how to store it.

Some arrived here with very little spare cash and bought dollars on the black market to pay for their goods, a practice to which most government officials turned a blind eye.

Now British, American and Canadian immigrants still have some choice when they import goods, but the South Americans, Russians, South Africans etc. will have to take their country of origin's products or buy locally-made appliances – usually expensive and inferior.

Products made or assembled in Israel will still be available to the newcomer at a discount and this has been suggested as a primary reason for the changes-that the ministry of finance wants new immigrants to buy local products in order to boost the home market.

Officially the changes came about because unscrupulous dealers and immigrants bought thousands of dollars worth of goods tax-free under the old laws and sold them on the Israeli market at high profits.

Before the clampdown, new immigrants could also receive parcels by post tax-free for three years. Now that too has been stopped.

"Many of the goods were finding their way into Israeli shops," a ministry official was quoted here as saying.

The British Settlers' Association attacked the new changes as "unfair and ridiculous."

Priscilla Jacobson, an official of the association, told newsmen that the laws are "unjust, penalizing thousands of olim for the illegal acts of a few dishonest immigrants."

She pointed out that a "young woman immigrant" very often gets a job as a secretary at IL600 ($143) a month. "She has very little left after paying for rent and food and for clothes," Mrs. Jacobson said. "She must depend on duty-free packages from her family abroad."

In effect, she added, the government is saying, "don't come."

Another reason for the tightening up could be that the Israeli Government has come under very heavy fire by young Israelis. They feel that the immigrants' privileges are at their expense, that tax deductions are paid for by the veteran settlers.

Despite publicity campaigns by the ministry of finance and other government bodies to persuade the average Israeli that the concessions don't cost him a penny, most young people here still begrudge the newcomer his tax free washing machine, car and vacuum cleaner.

Evidence of the government's desire to keep these dissident voices quiet can be seen in recent attempts to change car licensing laws. Every car bought without taxes has to carry a white plate around the license number making it stand out, sometimes provoking adverse comment from Israelis.

Recent government attempts to do away with this distinctive marking were foiled by officials who claimed that the car could then easily be sold without taxes being paid, the very thing the white plate was supposed to prevent.

In the final analysis, the new immigrant suffers. Privileges are slowly being withdrawn on one hand and the envy and distrust remain on the other.

Maybe this is one of the reasons that immigration from the free world is dropping. Of those who do arrive here, from western countries, a large percentage return during the first year.

According to figures released by the Jewish Agency, immigration from North America during 1972 dropped by about 25 per cent compared with 1971.

The 1973 figures could easily be lower still.

Ambassador assessed

'You always knew where you stood with Rabin'

By CHARLES FENYVESI
(JCNS)—

Yitzhak Rabin's four years as Israel's ambassador in Washington spans a period in which the vague, largely rhetorical U.S. commitment to the Jewish state was transformed into a quasi-alliance.

During Rabin's tenure, Israel received more U.S. military and economic aid than in the previous 20 years of Israel's history. Another accomplishment Gen. Rabin can be proud of is President Nixon's pledge to defend Israel from an imposed settlement.

Until 1969, Washington's support of Israel was restrained by apprehensions over threats of retaliation against U.S. commercial and political interests in Arab lands. It was during these past three years that American diplomacy sought to isolate its relationship with Arab States-with the paradoxical result of improved relations with Arab States.

This historic change reflects a new interpretation of regional U.S. interests-defined within a global framework-determined in the White House and then implemented in the Near East Affairs division of the state department presided over by Joseph Sisco, a non-Arabist.

At this stage of U.S.-Israel relations it seems to have paid off to make use of Rabin's preference for the concrete and the clear-cut, and his talent for analysis and hard bargaining. A few attacks on editorial pages and in the Jewish community seem like a negligible price to pay for his candor and toughmindedness. These are qualities that stood him and Israel in good stead these past four years, during which emerged a special U.S.-Israel partnership based less on Israel's accommodation of the senior partner than on the strength and integrity of the junior partner.

With all due respect to the Nixon Doctrine and to Henry Kissinger's balance of power thesis, some credit should be given to Rabin's influence-his insistence on what he calls practical matters and his focussing on direct dealings with the White House.

In Rabin, U.S. officialdom and public met the Sabra-a direct, no-nonsense, down-to-earth soldier a typical product of the new Hebrew civilization in the Middle East. Rabin's predecessors-Eliahu Elath, Abba Eban and Avraham Harman-were polished diplomats rooted in European culture, talented phrase-makers; at home in several cultures.

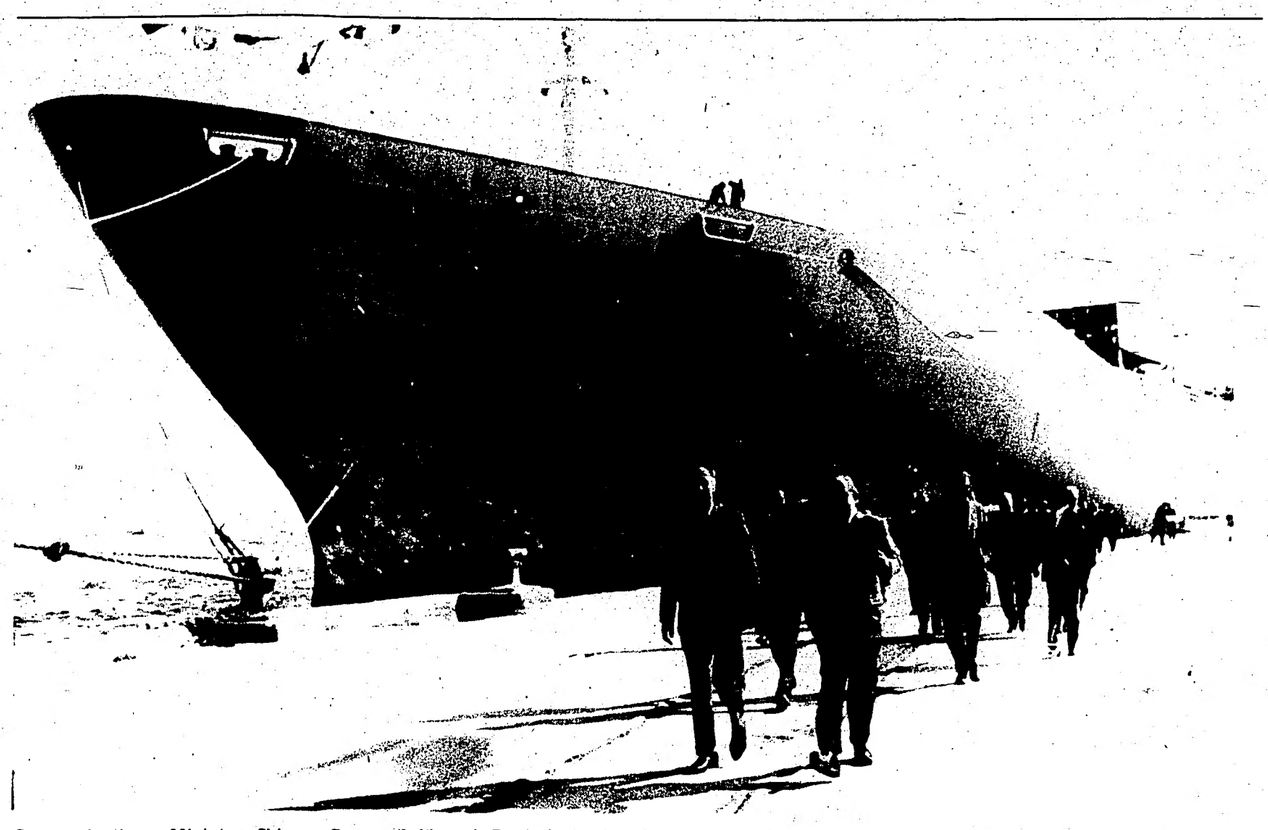
If the essence of diplomacy is ambiguity and disguise, Rabin is indeed "an undiplomatic diplomat," as **The Washington Post** suggested in an editorial urging his recall because of exceeding "the traditional and reasonable limits" of an ambassador by expressing preference for an American presidential candidate. In his contacts with the American press, public and officials, Rabin was indeed remarkably outspoken.

His candor and plain language were appreciated by Americans. He was a popular and effective ambassador because he did not believe in more evasion than required by national defence.

It is perhaps true that Rabin was less popular with the Jews than the Gentiles. American Jews tend to prefer an Israeli ambassador who does not rock the boat, whose strong quality is speeches-be they at the UN or at community functions-and who defers to them-or at least seems to defer to them-on matters involving Israel's requests from the United States.

No great speechmaker, even less of a 'Heimisch' storyteller and a total loss when it comes to jokes, Rabin did however, earn a reputation in U.S. officialdom as a man who talks sense and offers incisive analysis.

"You always know exactly where you stand with him," one high American official who dealt with him frequently these past years. "We like to think of ourselves as running our foreign policy the way Rabin ran his embassy: on the ball, missing nothing." This is how one veteran U.S. administrator summed it up. "There is nothing false or put-up about him," remarked another key American policy-maker, "Rabin is for real."



Communications Minister Shimon Peres (left) and Port Authority Chief Aharon Remez (right) lead welcoming party for the Zim-Haifa, the first container ship to fly Israel's colors. The ship was unloaded before a strike by the country's dockworkers. (IPPA Photo)

Israel is spending millions on building container ships

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent
HAIFA-

Israel's merchant marine formally entered the container ship era last week with the arrival in Haifa of the 25,000-ton Zim-Haifa, the first Israeli container ship to reach home port. The initiation fees required are very stiff indeed. Zim, the national shipping line, is spending $110 million on six ships and $20 million more on 8,000 specially designed aluminum containers, each 40-feet long. When other outlays are added-for new port facilities, trucks and railway cars-the bill totals over $200 million.

Yet Israel has no choice but to appropriate this sum if she wants to hold her own in the highly competitive world of international shipping. Fifteen years experience has shown that the bulk shipment of goods in huge containers, unpacked only when they reach their ultimate destination, is more efficient than conventional shipping methods for many types of cargo. Because less handling is required, Zim's new container ships will spend only 20 per cent of their time in port as compared to 60 per cent for the company's other vessels. This statistic spells the difference between profit and loss.

Zim container ships will ply what the company calls its "Long Line," stretching from Haifa to the Far East. Ports of call along the way include Piraeus, Genoa, Marseille, Barcelona, Halifax, New York, Los Angeles, Osaka, Yokohama and Hong Kong. Particular importance is attached to the Japan-U.S. route, where Zim General Manager Moshe Kashti thinks prospects are bright. Pointing out that Jewish businessmen handle a considerable proportion of Japanese exports to the U.S. (now $4.5-billion a year), he says that if Zim offers them fast and efficient service, many will patronize its ships.

Backing up the "Long Line" is a Haifa-based computerized tracking system which keeps a constant check on all Zim's 8,000 containers, so that a potential customer in Israel, Europe, North America or Asia can be told immediately when his goods will be picked up, and when they will arrive at the consignee's door.

Two of Zim's container ships will initially fly the German flag and have German crews, despite strong protests from the Israel Seamen's Union. Zim General Manager Kashti rejected the protests on the grounds that there is no shortage of ships flying the Israeli flag but of Israeli seamen to man them. "There is, in fact, no meaning to the flag, which is only a piece of cloth, unless it is backed up by our own men," he declared.

Thirty per cent of the 2,000 seamen employed by Zim are non-Israelis, a percentage Kashti fears will rise as more ships come into service. Israelis (like other Jews) lack a seafaring tradition, and when there is full employment on shore, as at present, few opt for life on the rolling waves.

JDL's Kahane seeks to entice 1 million Arabs living in Gaza and the West Bank to depart

By SOL I. LITTMAN
TEL AVIV-

"We must realize that Israel's very existence infuriates the Arabs," Jewish Defence League leader Rabbi Meir Kahane told **The Canadian Jewish News** sitting in a Tel Aviv restaurant, sipping lemon tea.

"It is a dangerous illusion to assume that if we show goodwill, or compromise on territory that we will come closer to peace."

Kahane said he could see no possibility of peace with the Arab nations. He predicted that both an increased standard of living and a rising level of education in the administered territories will contribute to the growing sense of Arab nationalism.

"How can Israelis possibly think that a true nationalist can be bought off by installing plumbing in his house? It's also an illusion to think that education will create greater reasonableness. Nationalists always come from the educated middle classes."

"Peace is nowhere near and may never come," Kahane said. "And what will be the end? The end will be that the Messiah will come."

Insisting that there is no such thing as a Palestinian nation, Kahane urged that all of the territory "liberated" in 1967 should be declared eternally a part of the state of Israel.

And what should be done with the one million Arabs living in the West Bank and Gaza?

Smiling broadly, Kahane announced that the JDL was creating an "emigration fund" to entice the Arabs to leave.

"We will try to get them visas to Western countries and give them a lump sum to get them started. Those that remain will be treated like any other non-Jewish immigrant who comes to this country. He waits five years for citizenship.

"Any Arab who wants to become an Israeli citizen must agree to have his name published in three Arab countries for three successive weeks," the rabbi elaborated. "Very few will leave themselves open to the vengeance of the terrorists by taking this step.

"There is no use playing games," Kahane said. "I want to discourage the Arabs from staying. In fact I would exempt from taxes every Arab who opts not to be a citizen."

In the meantime, he urged that strenuous steps be taken to limit the Arab birthrate.

"I would love to introduce Women's Lib to the Arabs," he added breaking into a smile again.

Last week, Kahane began to implement his plan by sending letters to a long list of Arabs, in both Israel and the administered territory, offering them financial assistance to leave. Unfortunately, the JDL's staff work was weak and many of those receiving letters were not Arabs, but Druse, a religious group that has been especially loyal to the Israeli government. Kahane, while defending his policy of urging Arabs to leave, apologized to the Druse community and participated in a **sulha** (reconciliation ceremony).

The incident was typically Kahane. Seduced by a gimmick that had the power to land him on the front page, he executed his idea badly. When he conspired to smuggle arms to American from Israel, the plot was readily uncovered. When he challenged Arab West Bank leadership, he chose for his target Sheik Jabari, a friend of General Dayan. When he sought to entice Arabs to leave, he endangered the excellent relationship Israel has developed with the Druse.

Part of Kahane's clumsiness lies in his lack of seriousness. For the militant American rabbi, newspaper publicity has a magic quality serving as an end in itself. He would rather that the newspapers disclosed one of his conspiracies than that the plot succeed but remain unnoticed.

Kahane's followers are equally inept. The JDL leader confessed several times in the lengthy interview that he had few followers on whom he could depend. This is not surprising in a movement that in the words of Kahane prides itself on acting like "real behaimus" and seeks to convince the world that they are "wildmen."

Rabbi Meir Kahane, Jewish Defence leader, is pictured making his peace with Druse leaders in Haifa to apologize for letters sent to them by accident. (IPPA Photo)

Writer urges unification of Zionists

Dear Editor:

I was pleased to read in your report, of the visit of Phil Givens, Q.C. the new president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, in which it was pointed out that Mr. Givens favors the uniting of various Zionist factions into one Zionist voice.

One of the difficulties in Canadian Jewish life is that it is so splintered. We have entirely too many organizations and entirely too many Jewish civil servants. We incur a tremendous expense, a good portion of which might well be available for needy projects in Israel.

In 1937, I, with others, worked hard to form the United Jewish Welfare Fund in Toronto, to cut out dozens of small campaigns and a lot of unnecessary expense and overhead. I am sorry the Givertshafen campaign left the joint fund-raising and I hope it will return. I hope Phil Givens will succeed in uniting the B'nai B'rith, the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Zionist Federation into an organization that will speak for the Jews of Canada with one voice.

Henry Rosenberg
Tucson, Arizona

'Oh yes, Uncle Eliezer, there is a Miami Beach'

By J.B. SALSBERG

It's that time of year again. It is mid-winter and the dark skinned citizens of Bathurst and Eglinton begin to appear in our midst.

This statement of fact is in need of some elaboration.

First, it should be established that we have a percentage of dark skinned descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob at all times in our midst. This has become markedly so since our kin of the North African countries joined us in the great adventure of living in these parts of the world.

No, I am not speaking of those whose skin is naturally on the darker side. I'm speaking of the fairer skinned brethren of ours who lose face, so to speak, comes winter and whose darkened faces proclaim the arrival of mid-winter to all who venture forth on the snow-covered sidewalks of Eglinton Ave., Bathurst St. and the adjoining precencts. They are the refugees who have come back to worse conditions than they left behind when they set out to the wonderland that's known as Miami.

Of course "darkened faces" is too general a statement. Actually they are not just dark skinned. This is the impression one gets when the first few harbingers of mid-winter make their appearance. At that time when all of us ordinary mortals, except the ladies, have acquired sickeningly pale faces the countenances of the refugees look quite dark by comparison. But as the number of returnees assume a mass character it becomes clear that they are not really dark at all. Some are red, others are brown, still others are yellow or tan and some have acquired the facial color that reminds one of the skin of a baked potato. But all of those no-longer-white faces look down at us, the pale-faced multitude, and destroy our self-respect and self-confidence. At first we try to avoid them, but their number becomes so large that escape is impossible, so we are forced to accept our humble fate and our lower status in the realm of the gilded ghetto.

Looking at the changed-of-face one would think that it was always so and that they come from a long line of a special species, of a higher breed-like the Canada goose-that wintered in the warm, southern climate from time immemorial. Believe me, nothing is further from the truth. It just wasn't so until quite recently. They are only imitating the Canada goose. In reality they still bear all the identifications of Kasrilevke, Tuneyadevke, and all the other old world landmarks that Sholem Aleichem made immortal.

What I'm about to tell you happened more than a few winters ago. It was a cold Saturday afternoon when the sun appears only to let you know that it's too cold to stay around even for a sun. The snow reached the window sills of the earthbound little frame cottages that housed our ancestors.

With a friend, I dropped in on a larger synagogue. The modest shul-now called the sanctuary-was in semi-darkness. A small group of bearded men surrounded a man who was addressing them. They looked such tiny people under the high ceiling that they come to my mind whenever I see a Chagall drawing of a shtetl. My friend and I, two youngsters, silently joined the rim of the cluster of people to hear what was going on.

We knew most of the group. They were sober, learned old country Jews; mostly "rag pickers" and employees of the man in the centre of the group. The speaker-himself a man of the old world-was the owner of the largest "rag shop" in Toronto and, therefore, the largest employer of rag pickers.

He told them that he had just returned from the "warm country" and described the wonders of that place.

The men listened, glanced at each other and there was complete disbelief in their eyes. The speaker sensed it and he said, with some agitation: "I tell you, on my faith, that I picked carrots from the garden four days ago." The listeners all nodded their heads without uttering a word. They didn't believe a word of what they heard but they couldn't call the man a liar to his face, could they? Of course they couldn't, especially since the man was their boss. But who ever heard of fresh carrots in mid-winter?

But the children, and especially the grandchildren, of those rag pickers now claim that it is true; that carrots do grow in mid-winter in the "warm lands" and that the name of that magic place is Miami, Miami Beach to be more specific. They display their darkened faces as evidence of the existence of the place their ancestors branded as fantasy.

As for uncle Eliezer, he says that he was never there and still doesn't believe its existence. But the changed faces! That, he says, is no proof at all. He knows ladies and some men too who have been here, at home, all winter and their faces have changed too. It's all cosmetics and electric lamps, he says. Could uncle Eliezer be wrong? Can a place like Miami really exist? And, most important; can carrots grow in mid-winter?

Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

Esther Markish

CONGRESS CONFERENCE

More than 500 Jewish community organizational representatives are slated to attend the Eastern Region Canadian Jewish Congress conference on Sunday, Jan. 28, at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal. Concerns relating to the Quebec community will be discussed with special emphasis on the new educational reforms. Special guests include Quebec's education minister, Dr. Francois Cloutier, and well-known Jewish activist Esther Markish.

AN EVENING IN YIDDISH

The Yiddish Culture Council of Toronto is preparing a special cultural evening dedicated to the memory of the Yiddish writers executed in Soviet Russia. The event is being held on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 8:30 p.m. at the Associated Hebrew Schools on Bathurst St. J.B. Salsberg will act as chairman and the program will feature Joseph Kligman speaking on **The Yiddish Soviet Literature as an Integral Part of the Yiddish World Literature**; Perez Miransky reading some poems; and recitations by Aaron Feiner and Abraham Reinhartz. The Hadassah Choir will participate under the direction of Esther Ghan-Firestone. Everybody is welcome.

ANGELS' GALA IS GALA!

Shakespeare set the scene for the Angels' Gala held earlier this month by the Montreal section of the National Council of Jewish Women. It was a change in format from their traditional Angels' Ball and it all took place at the Theatre Maisonneuve, Place des Arts, where a black-tie reception and dance followed the premiere performance of the Stratford Festival's **The Taming of the Shrew**. Special guests for the evening were Israeli Consul General David Ephrati and Mrs. Ephrati. Mrs. Simon Gold was chairman of the gala.

GROUP RECEIVES GRANT

The Toronto Yiddish Theatre, sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress, has received a $3,000 multi-cultural program grant from the department of the Secretary of State. The grant was given to assist the group in carrying out its project-to keep Yiddish theatre alive. You may remember that they presented Perez Hirshbain's **Griene Felder** (Green Fields) at St. Lawrence Centre Hall last November as part of the International Theatre Festival. The play will be given repeat performances in Hamilton on Feb. 24 and in Toronto at Lawrence Park Collegiate on March 3.

MUSIC RECITAL

Students of the YMHA Music School will be performing at a mid-winter recital this Saturday, Jan. 27, at 8:15 p.m. at the Nordheimer Room of the Music Library on Avenue Rd. The program, which is open to the public free of charge, will include presentation by the 'Y' String Orchestra.

LUCKY WINNER OR SELLER?

Baycrest Centre's Lottery 2 is in full swing! It began in November and runs to the draw date, May 1. The centre's major fund-raiser, a combined effort of the women's auxiliary and the men's service group, will provide care for the elderly above the cost covered by the government. The funds are also to allow for additional care facilities. The first prize is $25,000-there are 54 others-and the seller of the winning ticket gets $1,000. Community organizations can make some money, too, by selling tickets and keeping a percentage of their sales. By the way, volunteers are always welcome-the lottery office number is 789-2196.

FREE JEWISH UNIVERSITY

The spring semester of the Free Jewish University, which is sponsored by the Hillel Foundation at University of Toronto and the Jewish Student Federation at York University, began last week and will run to the end of February. Seventeen courses are offered. All evening courses are given at Hillel and the daytime sessions at York campus.

JNF NEWS

Did you know that, to date, 108 million trees have been planted in Israel through the Jewish National Fund? And, in addition, since its founding in 1901, JNF has acquired 1,110,000 acres of land in Israel, reclaimed 225,000 acres of barren soil and provided land base for 450 rural settlements.

FRIDAY NIGHT LECTURE

Rabbi Michael S. Stroh of Temple Har Zion, will be lecturing on **Reform Judaism: Theory and Practice** on Friday, Jan. 26, at 8:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Church, Sheppard Ave. E. The public is invited.

CJC music festival presents varied events

The Music Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress has recommended the period from Shabbat Sirah (the Sabbath of the Song) January 20 to March 15, for the celebration of this year's Jewish Music Festival. This was announced by Gordon Kushner—and Ben Steinberg, co-chairmen of the committee, who have called on all Jewish congregations and organizations to join in the celebration.

One of the highlights of this year's festival will be the premiere performance of an original composition of Jewish choral music based on excerpts from the poem by Shin Shalom and commissioned by Congress from the well-known Toronto composer, Ben Steinberg. The concert will be performed by the combined choirs of synagogues and organizations under the direction of Gordon Kushner at Beth Tzedec Synagogue on February 25, 1973, at 8:00 p.m.

Another highlight will be the Concert of School Choirs on February 4 at 2:00 p.m. entitled **Festival of Jewish Songs and Dances**. This event will take place at Beth Tikvah Synagogue and is sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education and Canadian Jewish Congress.

The Toronto Jewish Public Library will sponsor an Evening of Choral Music dedicated to Israel with Cantor Tibor Kelen and the Toronto Hadassah Choir under the direction of Esther Ghan-Firestone. This event will take place at the Library on Jan. 30, at 8:30 p.m.

A unique 60th birthday tribute will be paid by the CBC to John Weinzweig with a taped public concert in Toronto on Feb. 1, 1973. The program **Music of John Weinzweig** will feature four works written since 1960 with the composer conducting: Woodwind Quintet (1964); Trialogue for Soprano, Flute and Piano (1971); Divertimento No. 3 for Bassoon and String Orchestra will be video-taped for CBC-TV with the composer conducting. The CBC is preparing a radio documentary on the composer and the Canadian Music Centre has commissioned a monograph on his life and music. Weinzweig is a member of the Congress Music Committee.

The Concert of the Association of Cantors featuring 30 cantors from the U.S. will take place at Beth Sholom Synagogue on April 8, at 7:30 p.m.

A musically illustrated lecture by Steinberg using an accordion, organ, piano and flute, entitled **Jewish Music Through the Ages**, is being sponsored by the Habonim Congregation on March 4, at 3:00 p.m. at 12 Holloman Road.

No reductions made in Appeal allocations

TORONTO-

All Jewish agencies will receive at least as much, and in some cases more, than last year from the United Community Fund (United Appeal), despite an economy wave which has brought reduced allocations to 17 of the 7 member agencies.

Harry L. Wolfson, president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, announced this week that the total United Appeal allocation to local Jewish agencies for 1973 is $880,300, an increase of $34,589, or four per cent, over last year.

In all, the United Appeal allocated $9,663,979 to its 74 agencies. Biggest increase for the Jewish agencies goes to the Jewish Family and Child Service, which will receive $420,000, an increase of $23,800, Mr. Wolfson said.

Other allocations, with increases in parenthesis, are Baycrest Day Care Centre, $36,600, ($1,800); Council of Jewish Service Agencies, $35,000, (no change); Jewish Home for the Aged, $110,000 (no change); Jewish Vocational Service, $97,000, ($2,789); Mothers and Babes Rest Home, $13,700, (no change); Toronto Hebrew Re-establishment Services, $25,000, (no change); YMHA, $143,000, ($5,200).

Parents invited to discuss education

TORONTO-

Parents of all students attending Jewish Day High Schools in Metro Toronto have been invited to discuss their concerns at an open meeting on Monday, Feb. 5.

The meeting, to be held at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Jewish Public Library at 22 Glen Park Avenue, has been called by the task force of Jewish Day High Schools, one of six preparing reports for the massive survey on Jewish education now being carried out by the Welfare Fund.

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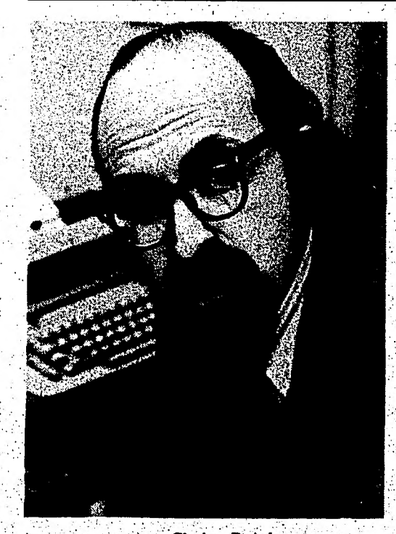

Chaim Potok

Best-selling author **Chaim Potok** will be in Toronto on Thursday, Feb. 1, to be luncheon guest at the annual UJA Day program of the women's division of UJA-ISF. An ordained rabbi with a doctorate in philosophy, and editor of the Jewish Publications Society of America, he is basically a writer. His books **The Chosen**, **The Promise**, and **My Name is Asher Lev**-all on Jewish themes-have received international acclaim. The all-day program, which begins at 10 a.m., features a morning discussion of **Woman Alive** by Dr. Stanley Greben, psychiatrist-in-chief at New Mt. Sinai Hospital, and Lillian Messinger, social worker at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, with broadcaster-journalist Barbara Frum as moderator. Also scheduled to speak is Zvi Garcy, special Jewish Agency representative in Canada.

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Dr. Bernard Etkin, who joined the University of Toronto's faculty of applied science and engineering in 1942, becomes dean of the school of engineering in July. A native Torontonian-he received both his B.A.Sc. and his M.A.Sc. at the U of T-he has been a consultant to the U.S. space program as well as to various aircraft companies. Among the many honors and awards he has received is the rarely-given Doctor of Engineering, honoris causa, conferred upon him by Carleton University in 1971. And the year before that he was named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canadians.

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Dr. Gilbert Rosenberg, medical director of Maimonides Hospital and Home for the Aged, has just been elected to a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

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One of the few Jews remaining in Yemen today-after Operation Flying Carpet brought almost all of the country's 50,000 Jews to Israel back in 1949,-is one of its most powerful figures. **Kadi (judge) Iriani**, Yemen's chief of state, is the Jewish adopted son of a wealthy Moslem family.

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Liberal candidate **Robert Kaplan's** defeat at the polls in the last federal election has not curtailed his services to his party! A lawyer, he is acting as consultant to the industry, trade and commerce — department on foreign-ownership-legislation-which means he has to be in Ottawa one day a week.

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Montreal businessmen **Joseph Y. Nadler** has been appointed chairman of the annual Mo'Ess Chittim drive conducted jointly by Congress and the Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Organization of Canada. Proceeds are for Passover relief to needy families in Israel.

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The historical drama **1837** that premiered at Theatre Passe Muraille last week, was written by Toronto playwright **Rick Salutin**. It is a play for Canadians and centres around the Toronto of William Lyon Mackenzie's day. Mr. Salutin, who studied at Brandeis, Columbia and the New School of Social Work before returning to Canada in 1970 has recently written a script for the CBC, **Travel Notes from an Americanized Canadian**, soon to be published.

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Lewis Moses, who places charity "at the head of the game," is the 1973 chairman of the UJA-ISF trade and professions division. He is active in several organizations.

Charity is a 'first' in this man's priority list

TORONTO–

Prayer, repentance and charity are the underpinnings of our religion, says Lewis Moses. And he places charity "at the head of the game."

Moses, who is chairman of the trades and profession division of the United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign for 1973, said his deeply-felt religious beliefs are the root of his sense of duty to his community.

He recalls that as a little boy in his native Hungary he went to the synagogue Friday nights with his father and grandfather and they always invited someone less fortunate to come back to their house to share the Sabbath meal.

"My grandfather lived next door and poor students who couldn't afford to go to the Yeshiva would stay there without paying for their room and board," Moses said.

Now Moses works with more than a dozen community organizations. His posts include treasurer of the Ontario region of the Federated Zionist Organization, vice-president of the Jewish National Fund, vice-president of Eitz Chaim Schools, co-chairman of the finance committee of Shaarei Shomayim, ex-president of the Revisionist Organization of Ontario, and board member of the United Israel Appeal, the United Jewish Welfare Fund and the Board of Jewish Education.

How does a man make time for his family–he has a wife and three children–his profession (he is a partner in the firm of chartered accountants of Hattin, Moses, Sugarman and Co.)–and still have time for community work?

"I'm an organized individual," he says simply.

Moses was brought up in a strongly authoritarian household where his father, an officer of the Austro-Hungarian army, instilled in him a strong sense of self-discipline and duty. With this sense of both duty and religion in his upbringing, Moses makes time to fulfill his community responsibilities.

One of his strongest beliefs is that all Jews must work to ensure both a continuity of Judaism and a strong Israel.

"Too many Jews believe that we are too passionate in our beliefs. If more of them felt as we do, then our United Jewish Appeal could collect four times the amount it does."

Moses is obviously happy that his beliefs in Judaism are just as strongly held by his children–Joel, 17, whom he calls a "zealot," Harriet, 24, and Samuel, 20. He says zealot with pride–"Zealots have kept Judaism alive for 2,000 years."

"My children do everything they can for the maintenance and safety of Israel," he said. "My daughter writes regularly to the prime minister and our minister of external affairs on behalf of Jewish causes."

Moses said that Jews around the world must work to strengthen Israel because "if Israel goes under, anti-Semitism will be rampant. There will be burnings and rampage everywhere."

He said that young people who have not suffered the fears of anti-Semitism are not aware that it is happening to others.

"Right now Jews are being persecuted in Argentina and Chile. They have been leaving Uruguay and Venezuela for years. In the U.S., more than one million voted for an anti-Semite."

Until Israel was created as a state, Jews in Europe had to pay someone to plead their cause with authorities, Moses said. The person often betrayed them but Jews still had to turn to him because they had no one else.

"The history of Jews has been the buying of protection. Now that we have Israel, we have our own protection, our own state, our own army. We can hold our heads high as Jews," he said.

"Previously we were a homeless race. Now we are a nation with a representative at the United Nations to work for our causes.

"We have to be intelligent enough to know that Israel is our preservation as Jews."

Communal leaders to take part in Jerusalem economic conference

TORONTO–

Four outstanding Canadian communal leaders from Toronto will participate in a conference in Jerusalem aimed at planning the expansion of Israel's economic development in 1973. Donald Lipman, Ray D. Wolfe, Gerald Shefsky and John H. Daniels will take part in sessions beginning this Sunday, Jan. 28 and lasting through Wed., Jan. 31.

The Toronto leaders, together with 150 other American and Canadian Jewish leaders will spend four days in Israel meeting with the prime minister and members of the Israeli cabinet on Israel's current social and economic problems. The conference will devote special attention to the needs of development in industry and agriculture.

In her letter of invitation to the Toronto leaders Prime Minister Meir said:

"We want you to share the joy of celebrating with us on the soil of Israel, the 25th anniversary of our independence and to see what our partnership with you and the Jews of the rest of the world has achieved in the past quarter of a century."

The Israeli premier also declared that "serious problems and historic opportunities" will be facing her people in 1973 which will require "your continued co-operation and leadership." Mrs. Meir expressed the hope that 1973 would "bring us closer to a real and lasting peace."

Among other prominent Israeli leaders with whom the delegation will confer are Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon, Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir, Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, Minister of Immigrant Absorption Nathan Peled, and others.

The Prime Minister's Conference has been convened in co-operation with the Israel Bond Organization. In 21 years the Israel Bond drive has produced more than $2 billion for financing major economic development projects to assist Israel to turn more than 1.5 million immigrants into self-sustaining citizens.

According to Lipman, 1973 Toronto Bond chairman, Israel Bonds contributes to creating jobs in industry, agriculture, and in other areas for the economic absorption of more than 30,000 Jews who came to Israel from Soviet Russia in 1972.

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Poems are vivid flashes of life

By MIRIAM HERMAN

I Dream in Good English Too..., the title of one of Donia Clenman's poems, could very well be one way of describing her.

A Canadian by way of the Warsaw Ghetto and the horrors of the Holocaust, she is immersed in a total Canadian way of life with her Toronto-born husband and children.

"I have made a complete switch to English," Mrs. Clenman said as she recalled how she and her husband Martin had to struggle along with a smattering of French, gestures and good intentions when they first met shortly after her arrival here in 1948.

Donia Clenman

Looking remarkably young for a mother of three adult children, in her grey mini-skirt and with her hair gathered to the side in a nosegay of red and white flowers, she described herself as "an eternal student with half a B.A. degree" obtained through the night-time extension program at the University of Toronto. She is presently taking a course on Canadian writers.

In addition to her English studies, Mrs. Clenman organized a Hebrew study group for Keren Hatarbut which she led for 10 years.

The Clenman's live in an atmosphere of music, literature and art. Martin Clenman, head of the mathematics department at Humberside Collegiate, is an accomplished pianist - a tradition carried on by 14-year-old son David. Gail, 20, is the literary daughter, Sharon, 17, the artistic one. And of course, Donia Clenman writes.

Her flair for the richness and flamboyancy of words, which first sought self-expression in the writing of essays and speeches, has for the past year shown itself in the rhythm and style of free verse. Her poetry rings with day-to-day experience demanding to be expressed- a brief encounter, an overwhelming impression, a small adventure.

About 60 poems have been written in the short span of a year. Mrs. Clenman has tried to categorize them with a view to reflecting her inner sensitivity... her childhood, being grown up, her Jewishness which encompasses the Holocaust and her Chasisdic background; her assimilation into Canadian society and her concern for others. ("My heart aches for my brother")

One phase of her work received public recognition in Hamilton earlier this month. Mrs. Clenman wrote the narration for **Deborah**, a musical story for children by Srul Glick. It was commissioned by the Dundas Library Association under a Canadian Council Grant. The performance was organized by three synagogues in Hamilton.

On the subject of the Holocaust, Mrs. Clenman speaks freely and openly. And yet a book written about her life in Nazi Europe was too personally painful to have published.

How do her Canadian children relate to her Holocaust years? She admits that it may be with a kind of resentment at the gloom she represents.

"They look on mother as a living symbol of their Jewishness," she said. "They cannot run into other things. They cannot hush their identity."

It has all been captured in the poignancy of her poem **I Dream in Good English Too...**

Sometimes,
I am a stranger to my family
for I bring Europe's ghosts
into the well-lit living room
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and mobile,
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My scars are nicely healed,
and my concerns properly intellectual,
yellow with the stamp of legality
of naturalization papers
twenty years old.
Yet somehow,
the smoke of the past
darkens Heinz's clear consomme
and, although only a witness,
I spread fear
by my very presence,
a living fossil
at a table worshipping the "Now".

They love me deeply
and tenderly,
yet would exorcise a part of me,
dreading an eruption of memory
no matter how oblique
to force them
into captive partnership.

This is my past
not theirs,
their hostile glances shout.
We are all descendents of Adam,
why bring Abraham
into happy Toronto homes?

I was no child on arrival
and yet, so well assimilated,
even my verses are native
and I dream in good English too.
So I put on the ointment of reason
and tape heartbreak with band-aids
and they are relieved,
and reassured,
to get back
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Grace Galley of Montreal Jewish Family Services

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MONTREAL-

Grace Galley, the administrating supervisor of child welfare for Jewish Family Services, says she is "going crazy" because of the pressing lack of temporary foster homes for children.

"Jews come forth readily to adopt children, in permanent homes," she said, "and we even place the most difficult of cases. But when its foster care we're talking about, placement is a killer."

Mrs. Galley, who has been working with children for more than 20 years, said foster homes are difficult to find because "it's good care on a temporary basis the natural parents have visiting rights, and the foster parents must give up the child when the time comes."

In order to find foster homes, more than 90 posters were sent to almost every Jewish organization in Montreal, and the local papers co-operated, yet both methods have not yielded any results.

"The only time I get inquiry responses," she said, "is when I go on speaking engagements."

In 1972, all 55 children were placed in foster homes. Although the figure represents a small percentage in proportion to the community's population, each case nevertheless represents a young personality who requires special attention.

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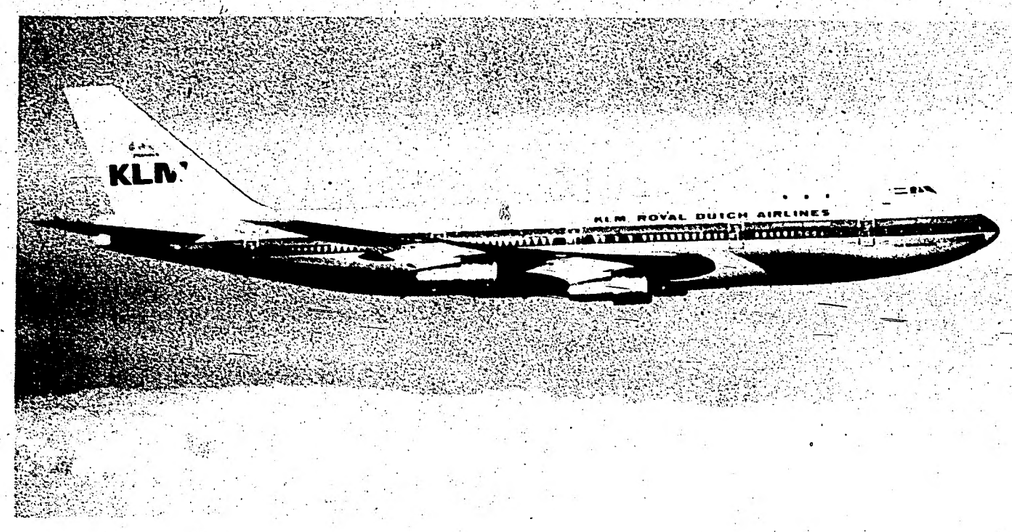

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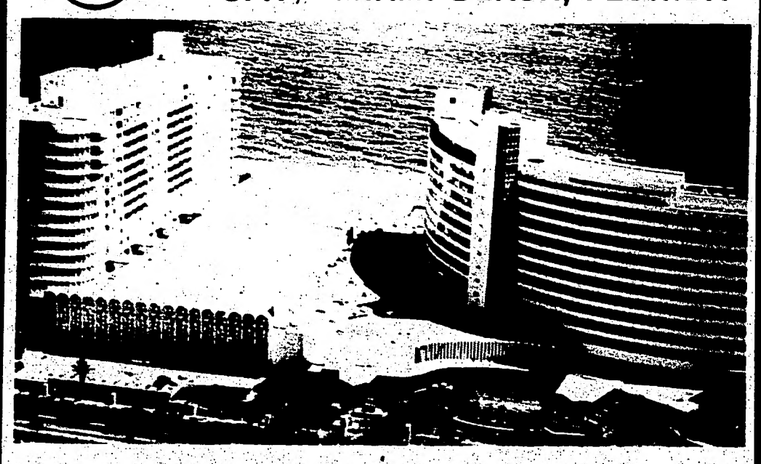

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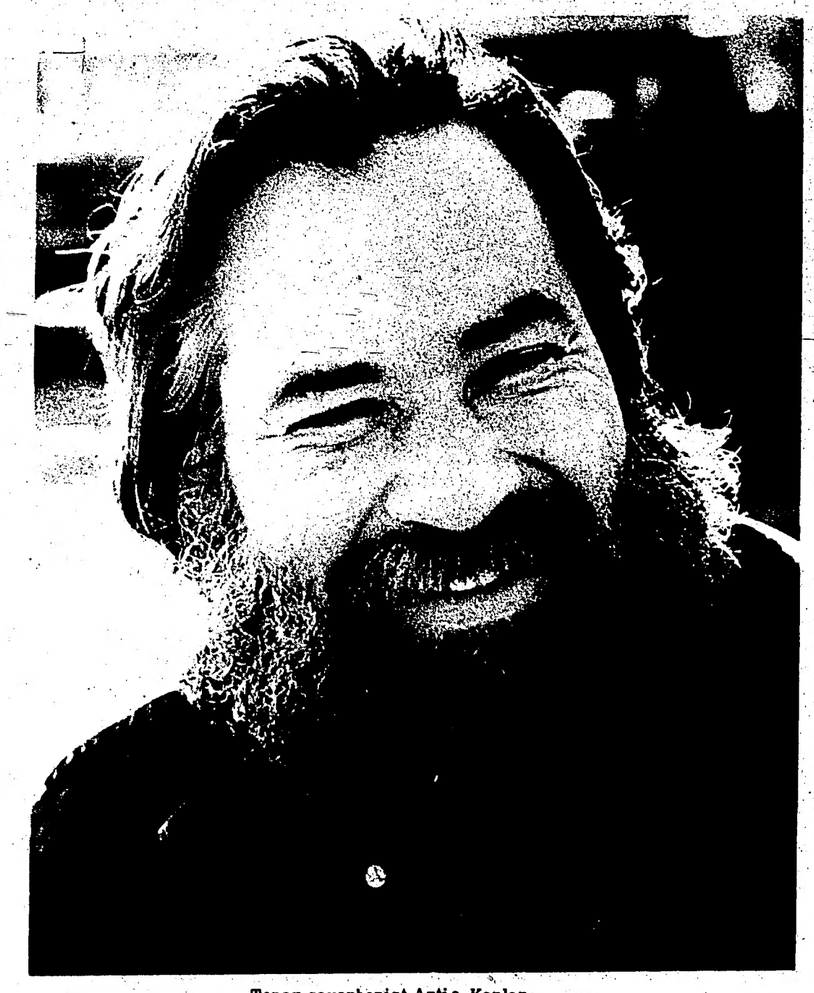

Tenor saxophonist Artie Kaplan

Kaplan gloomy over Broadway

By RICK KARDONNE

Artie Kaplan, tenor saxophonist, who has done studio work with dozens of top musicians (from John Lennon to Barbra Streisand to Melanie) and has written tunes for Nat King Cole and other singers, has finally released an album of his own with a Toronto record company, Hopi Records, entitled **Confessions of a Male Chauvinist Pig**.

The most outstanding cut on this album is entitled **Bensonhurst Blues** (although another cut, entitled **Harmony**, is reportedly a big hit in France). This song, sung by Kaplan himself in his kvetchy, gravely voice, is a classic putdown on assimilationists of all ethnic backgrounds, whether they be Jewish, Black, Italian (the three ethnic groups who live in Brooklyn's Bensonhurst district) or anything else. Lines such as "you're still ashamed of your grandmother's accent" or references to the friends one grew up with but pretend not to know any more, hit very close to home for a lot of people. He personally said, "All ethnic groups have their Chassidim." It is a song which I would very much like to see in the nationwide top 10.

When asked about the general state of contemporary music, Kaplan was optimistic about certain aspects of rock and jazz, but pessimistic about Broadway. He blamed the sad state of Broadway on ridiculously high ticket prices and high union and production costs. Many top producers are unwilling to risk investing in new talent because the initial overhead costs are so great. He sees government subsidies as the only viable answer.

As to Canada's recording industry, Kaplan believes that government subsidy, plus a greater receptivity by local key radio media, is vital in order to make it truly competitive on a continental basis. He is firmly opposed to Canadian content quotas, however. Being a local product should not unduly either help or hinder the chances of a record being played on a Canadian media outlet; the receptivity to all new records must be much greater, with merit of the music the sole criterion for airplay.

Kaplan's new album is eclectic in the best tradition; there is the strong influence of jazz greats such as Ramsey Lewis and the new Stan Getz, and Bernard Purdie, the most accomplished studio drummer in New York, provides a solid rhythm backing. In this approach, he is not at all different from many other Jewish studio musicians. The fact that he has co-written and recorded **Bensonhurst Blues**, however, sets him apart from all the others as a significant figure in the new fledgling Jewish cultural renaissance. This song alone makes his album very much worth listening to.

Bayefsky exhibition slated for New York

TORONTO–

A special exhibition of the work of Toronto-born artist Aba Bayefsky will be presented in New York from Feb. 7 to 23.

Co-sponsored by the Canadian and Ontario governments, the exhibition will be officially opened with a reception on Feb. 6 in the Canada Room of the Canadian Consulate General where it will be on view during business hours for the duration of the show.

The show will consists of prints, a color film and oils developed from the legends of the Indians in Canada.

The prints are in two portfolios, "Legends" and "Forces of Earth and Sky," each consisting of 12 prints. A descriptive account of the art, written in English, French and Cree, accompanies the works.

A 10-minute color film based on the "Legends" portfolio, will have a sound track in Cree. Three large brush drawings and 12 canvases, also drwn from Indian mythology, complete the exhibition.

Bayefsky, who has studied in Paris and Toronto teaches at the Ontario College of Art.

Daughter's book valuable insight into Truman's life

book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

HARRY S. TRUMAN
by Margaret Truman;
McLeod. $12.75

When Franklyn Roosevelt died in April, 1945, a tremor of apprehension shook the world. After all, the unrelenting war against German and Japanese tyranny was not yet concluded, there was a difficult peace to be won and the president's successor seemed like a disaster. Harry S. Truman, who had served as a relatively unknown figure in the shadow of the mighty Roosevelt, was derisively referred to as a Missouri farm boy, a Kansas City haberdasher, and dismissed as a mediocre product of the notorious Pendergast machine.

Yet, this unprepossessing "man of the people," suddenly thrust into a position of almost incalculable power, proved to be a leader of unexpected resolution and decisivenesss. He displayed stubborn will and unshakable principle; here was a president who knew his own mind and had the capacity to command.

The seven years that he guided the destiny of the United States were filled with awesome and portentous events. In a decision that is still hotly debated he gave the word for the atom bomb to be dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. His support for the entry of the United States into the United Nations was unstinted. He conceived the Marshall Plan for the succor and rehabilitation of ravaged Europe, defeated the Russians in their attempt to blockade Berlin and led the United States into the Korean War. In an action unprecedented in American history he committed his country-in advance of war-to help signatory nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Remarkable Harry, a 20-1 underdog in the election of 1948, scored a spectacular upset over cocky Thomas Dewey and the Republicans; dismissed the immensely popular General Douglas McArthur in a policy conflict over the conduct of the Korean War; fought irresponsible Senator Joseph McCarthy tooth and nail and made sure the United States was the first country to recognize the State of Israel.

Margaret Truman's disarming biography of her father is a fitting tribute to his memory. It covers not only the period of the presidency but also his earlier years and political career in Missouri and Washington. The president's daughter writes about her father and the other members of her family with warmth and refreshing informality. Momentous events rub shoulders with inconsequential family concerns. She makes good use of letters that her father sent when separated from his family that are filled with details of important meetings, incisive portraits of world famous personalities and bits of fatherly advice.

She devotes considerable attention to her father's part in the creation of Israel. During the years 1947-1949, on the question of the Middle East, the White House received over 86,000 letters, 850,000 postcards and 50,000 telegrams. When Truman decided to accept the United Nations partition scheme he was incensed by the double-dealing tactics of the American state department who were determined to find an alternate solution.

Some students of the Middle East have questioned the author's dismissal of the influence of Eddie Jacobson – Truman's one-time business partner – as inconsequential and taken issue with her conclusion that her father withheld de jure recognition of Israel because he was "concerned" about Israel's treatment of its Arab citizens. There is good reason to believe that Margaret's knowledge of what occurred is, of necessity, partial and that what her father told her is undoubtedly not the whole story.

John Diefenbaker has called Truman the greatest American President since Lincoln. This is certainly an extravagant estimate, but the reputation of the feisty battler is growing with each year.

Margaret Truman has given us a valuable, if limited, summing up of an unusual man and a troubled era in American and world history.

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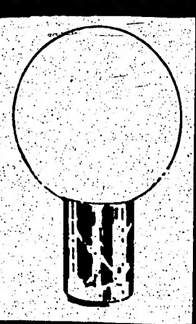
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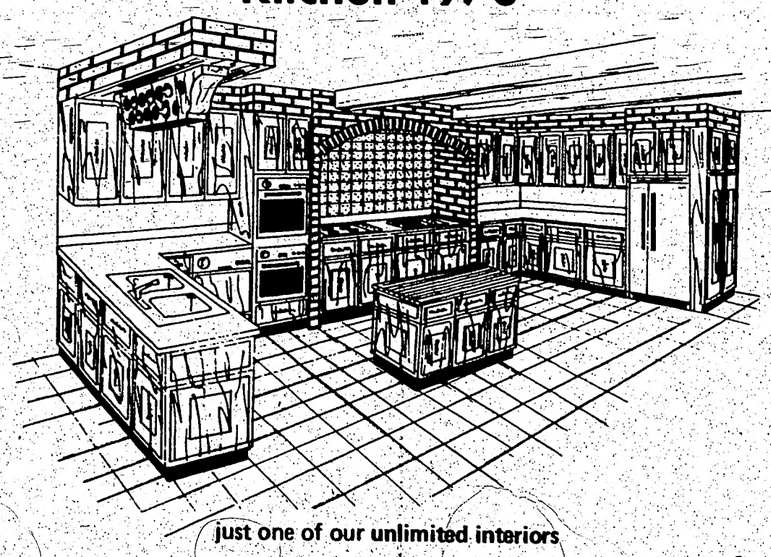
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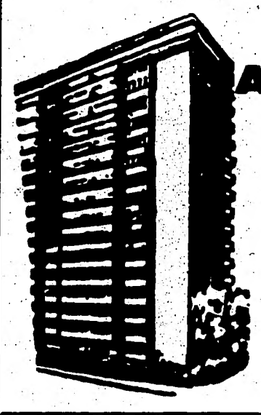

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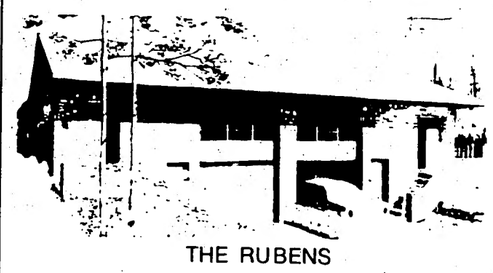

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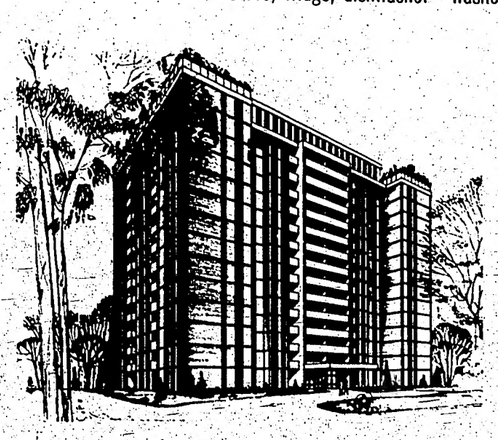

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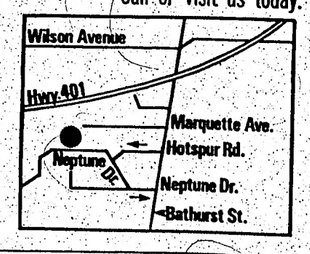

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Izy Stern, chairman of the synagogues and organizations division, UJA-ISF campaign, launches the 1973 campaign at meeting of societies and organizations council. Gordon Mendly (seated) is UJA chairman of societies and organizations.

Organizations group kicks off its campaign

TORONTO–

The Organizations Council of the United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund will celebrate Israel's 25th anniversary at a dinner at Murray House on May 6, it was announced this week by Izy Stern at a meeting which kicked off the 1973 campaign.

Stern, chairman of the synagogues, organizations and societies division, expressed the hope the dinner will mark the windup of the campaign for the Organizations Council. He said about 250 canvassers are involved with this segment of the campaign and they will cover more than 3,000 prospects.

Gordon Mendly, chairman of Societies and Organizations for the UJA-ISF, welcomed the capacity turnout of presidents representing Jewish organizations throughout Toronto and declared that "year after year you are the backbone of the campaign."

Guest speaker Simcha Genossar, special projects representative for Karen Hayesod in Ontario, focused on the priorities served by monies collected in the campaign. Foremost was the resettlement of Russian Jews and immigrants from other countries, housing for 67,000 families now living in slums, and building apartments for 25,000 young couples who now share accommodations with parents or other relatives.

"Housing is not catching up with the influx of immigration," he said. "In 1973 between 40,000 and 60,000 Russian Jews expected to emigrate to Israel and we must be prepared to accept these Zionists of today."

Genossar spoke of the political situation and said that the Middle East is the only hot spot in the world where there was no change in sight, due to the consistent refusal of Arab leaders to negotiate directly with Israel.

"Israel would give up some of her territory, but only for a guaranteed peace," he emphasized. "But Sadat continues to play one big power against another. When he ordered the Russian technicians out of Egypt, he expected the United States would come in. He forgot the cold war is over and co-existence is now the thing. The big powers want to avoid a confrontation."

To tackle the needs in Israel and here in Toronto, Genossar urged the audience to step up their campaigning and strive for at least $1,000,000 in pledges. Total campaign goal is $10,450,000.

Hurwich accepts Bonds position

TORONTO–

Community leader Nathan O. Hurwich last week accepted the chairmanship of the Collections and Redemptions Committee of Toronto Israel Bonds, a month-long project aimed at turning into cash the pledges made during the recently concluded Bond campaign.

Former chairman of the Synagogue Division of the Bond drive, and the United Jewish Appeal Man of the Year for 1969, Hurwich is national vice-president of the Jewish National Fund of Canada and a past president of Toronto Lodge B'nai B'rith.

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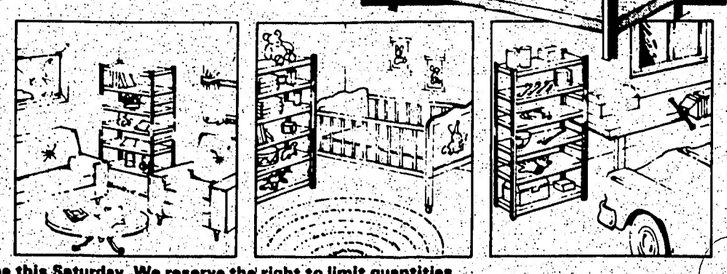

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